

WEIRD STORIES

Some Odd Ways In Which Soldiers Suffer in the Trenches.

Writing in the Popular Science Monthly for April, Lewis E. Freeman tells some weird stories about the sort of wounds British soldiers suffer in the trenches on the Somme front. Here are a couple of them:

One of the most painfully wounded men I saw was also one of the most slightly wounded. A German shell penetrating deep into the soft earth before exploding had driven him, unscathed by the explosion itself, straight through a barbed-wire entanglement. Faring better in one respect than the man who jumped into the bramble bush in the nursery rhyme, he did not "scratch out both his eyes." Protected as they were, by a rather beetling brow, these escaped injury; and they were about the only part of his unfortunate anatomy that did escape. While there was not a cut on him over half an inch deep, neither were there more than a few inches of cuticle at any place on his body that had been spared by the cruel barbs. Some of the furrows on his back and legs were over two feet long.

He brought up like a snared partridge," said one of the doctors who attended him, "in a tangle of the wire, and they had to cut this away before he could be taken out. Although the cuts were not deep, the germ-laden earth of the Somme was so thoroughly rubbed into them that only repeated injections of antitoxin saved him from blood poisoning. I have never known a human body to 'neutralize' so much antitoxin. During the first two weeks he was here he was constantly in greater pain than any of the many hundreds of far worse wounded men that passed through our hands in that time."

One cannot talk long with a Tommy on the Somme front without hearing some weird tale or another of what he has seen happen to one of his comrades as the result of shell explosions in the trenches. For obvious reasons these tales are almost invariably told about some one else; in fact, the one first-hand anecdotal of such an incident that I have heard was a far less illuminative account of what happened than might well have been told by one of the chief actor's comrades. I talked with the man in a hospital where he had been for a month recovering from crushed pelvic bones and internal injuries caused by impact with the limb, 20 feet from the ground, of a tree against which he had been thrown by a German shell exploding in his trench.

"I was sitting on a sand bag," he said, "when the blighter that done the business plumped right into the bottom of the trench and buried itself deep in the mud before exploding. Up flew me and the sandbag together and the first thing I knew was a 'ell of a crack across the 'ips, and there I was 'anging in the blooming tree like last week's wash. Didn't 'ave to 'ang on at all. It just plastered me round the 'lim' like a piece of soft meat. I couldn't climb down, and as they 'ad no ladders, there was nothing to do but for one of the boys to shin up and let the remains of me down at the end of the line. Course it 'urt like 'ell, getting me down; but I'm sure I didn't go off in a faint at that stage of the show, because I can remember cursing, with the little breath I 'ad left, some bloke 'oo 'ad moched along and was tryin' to snap me with a bit of a cam'ry 'ed smuggled up to the trenches. Cam'ry's in the trenches are strictly forbid, and you can jolly well believe I told 'im wot I thought of 'im for 'aving it."

Root Surgery for Trees.

A curious method of reviving languishing or dying trees was reported recently to the French Academy of Agriculture after being tested successfully in experimental gardens at Autun, according to the April Popular Mechanics. The earth was first removed so as to lay bare the larger root branches, in which longitudinal slits were then cut and kept open by wedges. These cuts were well rubbed with linseed oil and after awhile numerous small roots appeared, forming a sort of fur, and the trees so treated rapidly gained new life and vigor. The method was recommended for trial in the case of languishing fruit trees.

Edwin M. Sumner, an employe at the Ferry Veneer Plant, sustained a painful injury to his left hand Monday, says the Bandon World, when he accidentally came in contact with the "chopper." While no bones were broken the flesh was terribly mangled and required numerous stitches to be put back in place.

Investigating Beach Sands.

A thorough investigation of the mineral values of the beach sands will be made by the Mackey Estate Company, of Portland, which owns large properties on the lower Rogue river and operates the salmon cannery there. The company has arranged with James W. Neill, who is a practical and scientific dredging engineer, to begin next month, tests of the beaches at Regue river and the gravel deposits. He will use an Empire drill and make the tests in a scientific manner.

If the results are satisfactory the company will at once put up an adequate plant to recover values.

Gold, platinum and other minerals have been found in more or less quantities in the Regue river country at different times. In most cases the mining has been done only on a small scale and the project which will be started by the Mackey company will be a more thorough test than has ever been made before. If it seems worth while to develop the mineral resources the company will go into the undertaking on a big scale.

Hunting Wild Hogs.

Several parties at Reedsport near the railroad crossing of the Umpqua have been engaged during the past week catching wild hogs belonging to W. F. Reed. A good many of these animals have strayed away during the past years and have become as wild as a deer and as ferocious as those we read about in olden times.

The hogs are hunted out by dogs and run down. Many of the hogs are six and seven years old and of large size. One of them that was caught weighed over 400 pounds. While the sport of the chase is exciting, it is rather dangerous as the hogs are ever ready to fight man or dog, with tusks, in some instances three or four inches long, and they can make it very interesting for their pursuers. While no person has been hurt in the chases so far, the dogs have not fared so well, several of them having been badly cut by the long tusks of the hogs.—Courier.

Wild Hogs in Curry Too.

The high price of hogs has caused a general roundup of wild hogs in Curry county and the remotest recesses of the mountains are being scoured, says a Bandon correspondent of the Portland Journal.

One drove has been brought down from the Brushy Hill mountain section and for some distance a trail had to be broken through three feet of snow.

The wild hogs of Curry subsist mainly on acorns. They are branded and rounded up like wild cattle when ready for market. Shipments are being made via Gold Beach to Smith river, California.

He is 120 Years Old.

John Drysdale, of Bolleyville, West Virginia, who is hale and hearty at 120, was born August 12, 1796, in Scotland the year before George Washington went out of office.

He ran away from home in his youth and was a sailor for thirty-five years. He was a member of Sir John Franklin's Arctic expedition when his ship was frozen in the ice for ten months. Drysdale walked to the polls to vote for Woodrow Wilson.

He was married at fifteen and was a father and widower at sixteen. He has one wife buried in Scotland, one in Canada and one in the United States. If his oldest son were living he would be 104 years old. Drysdale joined the church when he was 102 years old.

Coin About 200 Years Old.

The Bandon Western World says: "Stories of rare old coins having gone the rounds of the county press for some time, Wm. Mast comes forth with one that beats them all. It is a Spanish coin dated either 1728 or 1738, it being worn down so that it is impossible to decipher the third figure. Mr. Mast found the coin in the Fishtrap section in 1884, having turned it up while plowing in the field along the river bank. The coin is about the size of a quarter, its inscriptions containing the Pillar of Hercules and a double lion coat of arms."

Hundreds of tons of peach and apricot seeds, which have been thrown away every season heretofore by the canning factories in the great fruit districts of California, are now sold as fuel and bring \$2.50 a ton retail. Formerly the seeds were considered too hard for fuel, but recently it was found that when heated in a stove burning hard coal they soon pop open and ignite, after which they burn with an intense glow like that of anthracite, and are practically smokeless, besides holding the fire well.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

V. E. Wilson, resident optometrist. Glasses fitted. Prices right. Coquille, Oregon.

Bandon Shipyard to be Sold

The owners of the Bandon shipyard Tuesday gave a 15-day option on the yard to John Neilson and the latter has gone to Portland to interview parties who offer to furnish contracts for two large barges and probably several other vessels, and also others whom he believes will lease the plant and immediately commence construction of at least the two barges. While Mr. Neilson did not make his proposition public it is reported that he is supported by Herman Hongal and several other well-to-do parties at Prosper and expects to secure the services of his brother, Neil Neilson, now a ship-draftsman at Portland, and several other practical ship men of the latter place. It is of course understood that a slip would be reserved for the Portland-Bandon boat.—Bandon World.

Capt. John Johnson, master of the Fort's tug, Elyham, made a record tow for Bandon harbor Friday morning, when five loaded vessels were taken out to sea on one tide. The vessels were the Elizabeth, Bandon, Brooklyn, Acme and Phoenix.—World.

Calling Cards 50c for 50.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County, administrator of the estate of G. A. Signalness, deceased, and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them with the proper vouchers to the undersigned, as such administrator, at the law office of J. J. Stanley, in the City of Coquille, County of Coos and State of Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 30th day of March, 1917.

Ole Paulson, Administrator of the Estate of G. A. Signalness, Deceased. 116

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the grading of a portion of Lockhart Avenue and South-west Boulevard in the City of Marshfield, Oregon, in Road District No. 2, according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Clerk.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to a bidder not the lowest should they deem it for the best interest of the County.

All bids are to be filed with the County Clerk on or before the 7th day of April, A. D. 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. on which day such contract will be let. A certified check for five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid to be deposited with the County Clerk with bid to be forfeited to the County in case contract shall be awarded and the contractor shall fail, neglect or refuse for a period of five days after such award is made to enter into a contract and file his bond to the satisfaction of the County Court as required by law.

A set of plans and specifications may be had upon deposit of the sum of two (\$2.00) Dollars with the County Clerk.

Dated at the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, this 22nd day of March, A. D. 1917.

L. W. Oddy, County Clerk. 1013

Notice of Sale of Stray.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has taken up an stray found trespassing upon his legal enclosure; that he has exercised due diligence to ascertain the owner thereof and no owner has been discovered; that proof of the taking up of such stray has been duly made before J. J. Stanley, the nearest justice of the peace, and twenty days has elapsed since such proof was made and no owner has been found and said animal will be sold at public auction by the constable on Saturday, the 14th day of April, 1917, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., at the residence of the undersigned at what is known as the Ben Schull place between the City of Coquille and Fishtrap, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand on day of sale; said stray is described as follows: a bull grade Jersey calf, about ten months old, dark color, no marks or brands or distinguishing features of any kind. O. L. Smallwood.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Coos County, administratrix of the estate of E. D. Sperry, deceased, and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of J. J. Stanley in the city of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon,

within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 23rd day of March, 1917.

Helen Sperry, Administratrix of the Estate of E. D. Sperry, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by order of the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, have been duly appointed executor and executrix of the last will and testament and of the estate of Catherine Figg, deceased; and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified that they are required to present the same, duly verified and with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at the office of A. J. Sherwood, in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1917.

Emily A. Hersey, Edward Johnson,

Executrix and executor of the last will and testament and of the estate of Catherine Figg, deceased. 1045

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of S. M. Kirkpatrick, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor and the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Coos County has fixed Monday, the 2nd day of April, 1917, at the county court room in the county court house in the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published March 2nd, 1917.

M. O. Hooton,

Executor of the Last Will and Testament of S. M. Kirkpatrick, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has, by order of the County Court of Coos County, Oregon, been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Margaret A. Hudson, deceased; and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified that they are required to present same, duly verified, and with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at the office of A. J. Sherwood in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 26th day of February, 1917.

C. D. Hudson, Administrator of the Estate of Margaret A. Hudson, deceased. 765

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